

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 276

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bernice Ritt on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Ritt will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 22, 2017, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Dora Glassman Novick and Abraham Novick, Bernice Ritt was born in Memphis and is a lifelong Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1937, Bernice Ritt was joined in marriage with Mahlon Ritt, and the couple's blessed union produced three children, six grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, nicknamed "the little colonel" because she likes to run things and be in charge, Mrs. Ritt worked until she was eighty-two years young and continued to drive into her nineties; when she drove and was able, she visited the sick and elderly in hospitals and nursing homes every week; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ritt exhibits her devout religious faith as a longtime member of the West End Synagogue in Nashville, where she has been active in the congregation until the past few years; and

WHEREAS, as Bernice Ritt approaches her eleventh decade, her secret to longevity is staying active, and she demonstrates her zest for life through her love of family, music, and dance; and

WHEREAS, family and friends will join Bernice Ritt in a birthday celebration on April 29, 2017, at her current residence; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bernice Ritt on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.